the needs of argriculture, small scale industry and exports. To ease the constraints on lending activities of banks the following measures were taken viz.

(i) The scheduled commercial banks were exempted from the 10 per cent incremental cash reserve ratio for any increase in the demand and time liabilities over the level as on April 17, 1992.

(ii) The statutory Liquidity Ratio was reduced on an incremental basis on the increases in domestic liabilities over the level as on April 3, 1992 from 38.5 per cent to 30.0 per cent.

(iii) The incremental net non-food credit-deposit ration which was stipulated since October 1989 was withdrawn and there was no such prescription for 1992-93. This is expected to enable banks to normalise credit facilities.

These measures have been taken in the context of the need to support productive activity and are not related to the problems pertaining to the irregularities in the securities market.

Drug peddling in Delhi

1189. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have at any time made an exercise to identify the drug prone areas in Delhi city where drug peddling is flourishing;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the sources/channels of procurement of drugs by the drug peddlers in the city; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government so far to check this menace and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 260 street level addas scattered all over Delhi were identified.

(c) Afghanistan and Pakistan are the sources/channels for Heriin/Smack and Opium and Pakistan and Nepal are the main sources for Charas Small quantities of Opium are also procured from indigenous illegal sources.

(d) Concerted efforts have been made for the eradication of street level addas and as a consequence, as per available information, 148 addas have been busted by Delhi Police. De-addiction and rehabilitation programme through voluntary agencies, have also been taken up.

Revision of pay scale for assistants and stenographer

1190. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pay scales of Assistants and Stenographers have been revised from Rs. 1400-2600 to Rs. 1640-2900;

(b) if so, whether the revision of pay scales was extended to those Government servants drawing identical scales in various posts;

(c) whether there is resentment among Assistants/Stenographers who have not been provided the revised scale, who do not belong to All India Service concerning recruitment in Government services;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to extend the facility of revised scales to those Assistants/Stenographers who do not belong to any cadre but drawing the same scale prior to revision of pay scales by Government of India; and

(e) whether Government of India also proposed to give revised pay scales to Stenographers (Hindi-cum-English) working in Vidhi Sahitya Prakashan, Ministry of Law and Justice who are not recruited through